

Taba verdict expected by September

GENEVA (R) — A dispute between Egypt and Israel over the tiny Red Sea beachfront of Taba will be decided by arbitration by September, a Swiss member of the international arbitration tribunal said Wednesday. International law professor Dietrich Schindler told Reuters by telephone from his home in Zurich that the five members — himself, a Swede who chairs it, a Frenchman, an Egyptian and an Israeli — have already met once to consider their verdict and would convene again at the end of June and in July. The final verdict would be handed down in September, probably by the middle of the month. Meanwhile U.S. State Department legal expert Abraham Sofaer has sought to negotiate an amicable solution between the two sides, but there has been no sign of progress and the tribunal's work has not been affected. "It has not been affected at all; but it would be affected if Mr. Sofaer could reach a solution with both sides," Schindler said, since the tribunal would then not need to issue a verdict.

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Britain, Iran begin talks

LONDON (AP) — British and Iranian delegations met for two hours Wednesday to discuss a £1 million (\$1.8 million) compensation deal amid hopes of a thaw in Anglo-Iranian relations. The low-level talks are aimed at agreeing on compensation for damage inflicted on embassies of the two countries, and have been cautiously welcomed here alongside a firm refusal to tie them to any deals to free Western hostages held by pro-Iranian kidnappers. The Foreign Office said the delegations, led by the chief of the Iranian Foreign Ministry's legal affairs department and the head of the British Foreign Office's Middle East Department, would meet again Thursday. Neither side would give any details about the first round of talks. The Iranian delegation head, Shir Mohammad, was to meet separately with Rob Young, a Foreign Office official, later in the day, the Foreign Office said. The Evening Standard, a London tabloid, claimed the Iranians came with an offer to free British hostages in exchange for restoring full diplomatic relations, allowing Iran to reopen its arms-buying office in London, and pressuring Iraq to stop its alleged use of chemical weapons in its war against Iran.

Regent sends good wishes to Portugal

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday sent a cable of good wishes to Portuguese President Mario Soarez on the occasion of Portugal's National Day. Prince Hassan wished the president continued health and happiness and the Portuguese people further progress and prosperity.

EEC to give \$17m aid to Palestinians

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) has earmarked \$17 million worth of food aid for Palestinian refugees in the Israeli-occupied territories, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. The EEC's executive commission said Wednesday the aid, from the group's food surpluses, would be distributed by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA). It said EEC food and cash contributions to UNRWA would total \$4 million in 1988.

White House 'unaware' of contacts with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has questioned the accuracy of a British newspaper report that said the United States, Britain and West Germany had opened direct contacts with Iran in an effort to free foreign hostages in Lebanon. The Times of London, in a front-page story Tuesday, quoted sources in Beirut as saying the United States opened talks with Iranian officials almost two months ago in the hope of finding a "legal" formula to secure the release of the American hostages.

Police dismiss poisoned Israeli fruit threat

PARIS (R) — French police said Wednesday a sample of fruit which an anti-Israeli group claimed to have poisoned was harmless. Police experts discovered traces of non-toxic blue food-dye in an orange and a grapefruit found in a luggage deposit box at a Paris railway terminus. An unknown group sent letters to the Paris bureaux of two international news agencies saying the fruit was filled with deadly poison.

Saudi crown prince to visit Britain

LONDON (R) — Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud will pay an official visit to Britain from June 13-17, it was announced Wednesday. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office said the prince, who is also Saudi Arabia's deputy prime minister and national guard commander, will be the guest of Queen Elizabeth for lunch at Windsor Castle during his stay. The crown prince, who has visited Britain twice before, will hold talks with Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Shamir refuses to free Awad from jail

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sharply rejected a request to free Mubarik Awad, an Arab-American slated for expulsion from the occupied territories, until the order is carried out, Israel army radio reported Tuesday. An assistant to Avraham Gal, Awad's lawyer, confirmed that Gal received a letter turning down the request but could not provide details. Gal was unable to answer the telephone.

Yeltsin elected party delegate

MOSCOW (R) — Boris Yeltsin, the fiery reformer ousted as Moscow Communist Party chief in November, has been chosen as a delegate to a major party conference this month on political reform, a Soviet spokesman disclosed Wednesday. "Boris Yeltsin has been elected as a conference delegate by the Karelian autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic," spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told Reuters.

Jordan has no territorial ambitions in Palestine, King tells Arab summit

Al Hussein explains principled, firm, unambiguous commitment

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

ALGIERS — Jordan does not have any ambition on any part of Palestine other than liberating the occupied territories and enabling the Palestinians to determine their future on their national soil. His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday.

Addressing the extraordinary Arab summit which opened here Tuesday, the King said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) must represent the Palestinian people in any negotiations to settle the Palestinian problem.

Speaking at a closed session of the summit, the King also called for all-out Arab support for the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and appealed for increased Arab aid to the Arab confrontation.

The King said: "Jordan has no ambition in any part of the land of Palestine no matter how small this part is... Jordan's involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict does not lie only in the occupied West Bank but is dictated by the fact that we sit astride the longest lines of confrontation with Israel. Indeed, Jordan's borders with Israel are much longer than its borders with the West Bank."

"Nothing is more detrimental

to individual or more misleading to peoples than a selective and out-of-context interpretation of historical events... Jordan did not annex the West Bank, nor did it occupy the Palestinian land, as was the case with the British or Turkish occupation of this land..."

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Final touches put on summit resolutions

From Abdul Wahab Zugellat in Algiers with agency dispatches

A SPECIAL committee began putting final touches Wednesday to resolutions expected to be approved by the extraordinary Arab summit here after listening to speeches delivered by His Majesty King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat earlier in the day in a closed session.

Informed sources said the re-

solutions were expected to contain unanimous Arab support for the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and means to support the uprising, the issue of Palestinian representation in peace negotiations and Middle East peace initiatives in addition to the Gulf war and the situation in Lebanon.

The sources said the Arab leaders were expected to hold a formal meeting Thursday to endorse the resolutions.

Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, a member of the Jordanian delegation to the summit, told the Jordan Times that no controversy was raised over the resolutions after Jordan made its stand firm and clear through His Majesty's speech to Wednesday's session.

Qasem said Jordan pointed out that it had no specific channel in mind while calling for increased Arab financial support for the uprising and that "what is important is that the aid reaches the occupied territories."

Jordan supported any decision reached by the summit on means of channelling the support, Qasem said.

On the political level, Qasem pointed out that Jordan left it to the summit to decide the means and nature for a peace settlement while calling for an international conference on the Middle East with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council and all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the PLO.

He also noted that Jordan insisted that the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, should participate in the international conference in any form it chooses.

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A scene from the extraordinary Arab summit in Algiers which began Tuesday. (Petra wirephoto)

Lebanese Forces demand removal of toxic waste

BEIRUT (R) — A Lebanese rightist militia said Wednesday it had asked Italy to take back a cargo of toxic chemical waste dumped near Beirut.

Kaisar Nasr, head of foreign relations of the Lebanese Forces militia, told a news conference the group had detained the importer of the 22 tonnes of chemicals found on waste ground at Ghazir, 25 kilometres north of the capital.

"We have arrested Roger Hadad, the owner of the cargo of waste, for investigation," Nasr said. The militia was cooperating with official judicial authorities in the investigation, he added.

Acting Prime Minister Salim

Protests rock Dhaka

DHAKA (Agencies) — Bangladeshi protesting against making Islam the country's state religion burned three vehicles and damaged several others in Dhaka Tuesday night, police said.

The police said 3,000 politicians, workers and students staged noisy demonstrations soon after parliament approved the constitutional amendment giving Islam official recognition.

The protesters shouted demands to repeal the law and not to play politics with religion.

Opposition leaders including Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and Bangladesh Nationalist Party Chairman Begum Khaleda Zia denounced the bill as an attempt to fool the people and divert their attention from economic and other problems.

They also said the move could give rise to fundamentalism and jeopardise communal harmony.

Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed said giving Islam its due status in a country with 90 per cent of the 105 million people were Muslims would give the nation a new identity.

"We are not snatching away fundamental rights of Hindus, Christians and Buddhists in our country. Equality before law has been ensured for all citizens," he told parliament.

Minutes after parliament passed the law, several thousand people took to the streets of the capital in protest.

Several thousand security personnel were posted at key points but did not interfere with the demonstrators. There were no reports of injuries or arrests.

United Nations (Agencies)

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, unveiling a major disarmament blueprint, announced Wednesday that the Soviet Union would observe a permanent moratorium on nuclear testing if the United States also agreed.

"We started contacts with local and foreign authorities, including Italy, to return the waste to Italy," Nasr said. "We will never under any condition accept to keep the waste in Lebanon."

He said tests carried out by four Lebanese laboratories and experts from the American University of Beirut (AUB) showed the material was not radioactive.

Italian ecologists say the Milan company Jelly Wax, already at the centre of a chemical dumping storm, used the Radhost to export waste to Venezuela last year but it was turned back.

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King explains principled, firm stand

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which all the Arabs aspired at the time," the King said. "If today, however, it is the wish of the Palestinian people's representatives to separate from Jordan we are willing to bless and respect this desire, just as we blessed and respected the decision by the representatives of the Palestinian people in 1950 to unite with Jordan."

Renewing the call for an international peace conference on the Middle East under U.N. auspices and attended by the five permanent members of the Security Council and all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict, the King said:

"Jordan will not represent the Palestinian people at the conference nor will it negotiate the settlement of the Palestinian problem on behalf of the PLO. Jordan is also prepared to attend the conference in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation if the concerned parties accept this arrangement."

"Whatever decisions we are about to take in support of the Palestinian uprising, and regardless of any other consideration, we in Jordan shall continue to fulfill our national responsibility of supporting the uprising and its resistance to occupation."

The King urged Arab leaders to give their unanimous support to the uprising "through internationally acceptable political action, in order to win the world over to our side and so that the Palestinian people may feel that their legitimate struggle will lead, God willing, to success and victory."

The King also criticised Washington's Middle East policy. "In sum... the United States has no Middle East policy other than support for Israel," he said in the 40-page address.

The King expressed frustration over the latest Middle East peace initiative by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, whose fourth visit to the region ended Tuesday without any sign of a breakthrough.

"The United States has no Middle East policy other than support for Israel. The U.S. approach to the problem of the Arab-Israeli conflict is, unfortunately, based on a policy of crisis-management."

"The United States takes no political steps or initiatives unless there has been a recent eruption in the region taking on the aspect of a war."

Therefore, the King said, the

Shultz plan was launched because the Palestinian uprising and was taking on the aspect of a "Palestinian war against Israel."

The monarch said his understanding of the U.S. initiative included a proposal to invite all parties, including the PLO to the peace conference.

The King said that although Jordan had reservation about some of the ideas promoted by Shultz, his plan remained the subject of dialogue.

The Arab states were maintaining the dialogue with a view to bringing it closer to the Arab position, he said.

The King pointed out that Arab states had failed to deliver about half the \$3 billion they promised to the confrontation states ten years ago.

"The Palestinian uprising necessarily requires support for the PLO and the confrontation states," he said.

Gazan boy beaten to death

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Strip, told residents: "If you want life without disturbances, let there be quiet amongst you. We don't want to keep more troops here than necessary. If it is quiet, there will be less problems, less beatings."

At least 211 Palestinians have died in the six-month-old uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, six of them from beatings, according to unofficial figures.

Rabin, facing world condemnation over the high number of Palestinian casualties in the uprising, ordered soldiers in January to beat protesters rather than open fire when possible.

Jallala was beaten all over his body in the Jabalya refugee camp Monday when troops lifted a curfew for two hours to allow residents to stock up on food, his cousin Mohammad said.

"He was beaten on his arms, legs and skull with longer and thicker clubs that the soldiers usually use. They picked him up just to beat him and then threw him away on the street," Mohammad, a nurse by profession, told Reuters.

Doctors at Shifa hospital in Gaza said they decided to transfer Jallala to Tel Hashomer hospital after he went into a coma and they found he was suffering from a brain haemorrhage.

Mohammad, who accompanied Jallala to Tel Hashomer, said his

brother was not able to bear the financial burden involved much longer, saying "we in Jordan and in Syria are in need of sustained support to be able to withstand the aggressive and expansionist Zionist designs as long as the Arab-Israeli conflict continues."

The 1978 Baghdad summit's financial commitments to frontline Arab states had reached their final year, yet half the promised funds had not reached the two states.

"I am beginning to entertain the daunting prospect that our burden will soon become too heavy," he said.

On the King-Iraq war, the King said Iran's refusal to heed calls to end the seven-year-long conflict meant it was necessary to reconsider relations with Tehran. Saudi Arabia has already cut ties with the revolutionary state.

Final touches put on summit resolutions

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The Arab leaders gathered here also held intense behind-the-scenes bilateral meetings prior to and after the closed session.

His Majesty the King held talks with Qatar Emir Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan,

Djibouti President Hassan Gouled, Morocco's King Hassan II and the foreign minister of Somalia. The meetings were attended by the Jordanian delegation accompanying the King

which includes Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

Reporting on the closed session of the summit Wednesday, Kibli said the Arab leaders agreed to limit the agenda of the gathering to the uprising.

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In other behind-the-scenes talks, Arafat met King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. He was due to have talks Wednesday with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif told reporters.

Kibli said the leaders stood by the decision taken at last November's Arab summit in Amman to let individual states restore relations with Cairo but declined to talk about Egypt's role in the league.

A PLO spokesman said the summit would take the same approach to the Gulf war, reaffirming Amman resolutions which expressed indignation at Iran's rejection of Iraqi peace offers.

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OAU support

Malian President Moussa Traore, chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), appealed Tuesday for closer Afro-Arab cooperation, saying Israel and South Africa were alike in defying international law.

Appearing as a guest at the summit, Traore reiterated OAU support for the PLO against "the barbaric oppression which this martyred people is undergoing."

He said: "Faced with the challenge of Zionism in the Middle East, Africa has always showed the Arab World active solidarity. It seems necessary to strengthen the Afro-Arab front."

"Israel, in defying... international law and human rights, joins with South Africa, proving the similarity between Zionism and apartheid."

Qadhafi-Assad meeting

Among the bilateral meetings held late Tuesday and early Wednesday in the hilltop Aurassi Hotel was one bringing together Benjedid with Libya's Muammar Qadhafi and Syria's Hafez Al-Assad.

Delegates began to play down the chances of controversy over the Gulf war or Egypt's readmission to the Arab League marrin

the Gulf war.

Qadhafi also had separate meetings with Arafat and with Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Iba Ali.

Iranian walkout

All Algerian newspaper carried many pages of detailed coverage of the summit, but there was no mention of the Iranian ambassador's walkout which ruffled diplomatic feathers on the opening day.

Iran's Ambassador Zargar Yaghoubi abruptly rose from his seat in the diplomats' section and walked out of the hall during an address by Kibli.

"While speaking on the intifada for which we meet," Kibli said, "we cannot ignore the victory of brother Iraq, which has recovered its territories, notably the Fao Peninsula."

"Iraq has always been prepared to cooperate with international peace efforts, while Iran's leaders are determined to pursue the war" which increasingly threatens neighbouring Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Kibli said.

A spokesman for the Iranian embassy confirmed that Yaghoubi walked out of the summit opening session "in protest against incorrect statements" on the Gulf war.

Maghreb talks

On the sidelines of the summit, the heads of state from the five Maghreb countries of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, are widely expected to meet for the first time since colonial rule ended in North Africa 25 years ago.

Renouveau, the newspaper of the ruling Tunisian party, said Wednesday the Maghreb summit would take place but gave no time. Conference sources said such a meeting was unlikely before Friday, after the close of the Arab summit.

Oil ministers from Algeria, Saudi Arabia and two other Gulf states were also meeting on the margins of the summit. United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said.

Oteiba did not give any details of the meeting held a few days ahead of an OPEC meeting set to start in Vienna Saturday.

Oteiba was joined in the meeting by Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi and Qatar Oil Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifa Al Thani, summit conference sources said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CABINET ENDORSES MEMO: The Cabinet has endorsed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to provide a grant to Jordan to help the Kingdom carry out a feasibility study on linking the national grids of Egypt and Jordan.

NEW MAYOR OF BURMA: The Cabinet has appointed Mohammad Mustafa Miflech as mayor of Burma in the Jerash district, and Mohammad Daifallah Rousan as mayor of Sama Al Rousan in Irbid Governorate. The Cabinet also appointed Mohammad Khair Muqbel as consul general for Bangladesh in Jordan.

BENEFITS FOR PENSIONERS: The Cabinet has decided to offer government pensioners and daily paid employees working for the Social Security Corporation the right to benefit from the services of the Civil Service Consumer Corporation.

NEW MA'AN CENTRE: The Princess Basma Centre for Special Education in Ma'an has set up and installed new facilities at a new centre in the Ma'an Governorate to rehabilitate handicapped persons. The centre is now in the process of registering names of handicapped children aged 6-12 wishing to benefit from the centre's services.

HINDAWI, ZINCHUK TALKS: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thouran Hindawi conferred here Wednesday with Soviet Ambassador to Jordan Alexander Zinchuk. They reviewed Jordanian-Soviet cooperation in a number of fields.

DRUG TRAFFICKING: The Department of Customs will take part in a meeting in Brussels on June 20 to discuss international cooperation in combating drug trafficking. The department director will take part in the four-day meeting.

SLOW LEARNING CHILDREN: The Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund (QAF) has embarked on a general survey in schools in the Karak Governorate, to identify elementary school children with slow learning capabilities. QAF official said that the survey paves the way for opening a special centre to help improve these children's learning potential. The survey is being conducted in cooperation with the University of Jordan.

TALKS ON MINING: The Amman-based Arab Mining Company director general conferred here Wednesday with the director general of a Moroccan government office responsible for research in mining. They discussed cooperation between the company and Morocco in implementing mining projects.

TRANSPORTING GOODS: A seminar on transporting goods by land, sea and air ended Wednesday at the Jordanian Institute of Management. The seminar, organised by the Industrial Development Bank, was attended by 14 participants from the industrial, services and commercial sectors, who were oriented on the organisation of freight operations, insurance and settling disputes involved in these operations.

93 HEADS OF SHEEP DIE: At least 93 heads of sheep died at Sweilmeh district in the Mafrag Governorate after drinking contaminated water. Al Ra'i Arabic daily quoted officials as saying that the water had a high concentration of chemical materials.

EXPERT VISITS QOU: Kevin Smith, president of the International Council for Distance Education (ICDE) has arrived in Amman for a three week period as a UNESCO consultant to Al-Quds Open University during which he will direct in-house workshops for QOU staff in the techniques of distance education, with special emphasis on student support services in an open learning system.

UNESCO MEETING: UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) is organising a meeting of Arab experts on education in Amman to discuss a regional programme to spread primary education and eradicate illiteracy from now until the year 2,000. The meeting which will be held in Amman will take place between June 18 and 21, according to a UNESCO official.

CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE: The preparatory committee of the eighth Arab Children's Conference Wednesday endorsed the conference's final arrangements. This conference will be held under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor on June 27, which will last seven days.

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NIGHT DUTY

Amman governorate	891228	AMMAN:
Amman Civil Defence ...	198, 199	Dr. Jamal Abu Bakr
Civil Defence Irbid ...	271293, 273131	Dr. Issam Al Rizq
Civil Defence Quwiesh ..	770733	Dr. Ali As'ad
Civil Defence Deir Alla ..	846070	Dr. Abdul Wahab Awad
Ambulance	193, 775111	Firdous pharmacy
Amman downtown fire brigade ..	198	Al Asema pharmacy
Kuwait (KU)	1225	Badrakouh pharmacy
Bangkok (RJ)	14-00	Al Salam pharmacy
Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)	12-30	Yacoub pharmacy

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

0620	Damascus (LH)	AMBASSY:
1000	Damascus, Paris (AF)	Dr. Jamal Abu Bakr
1225	Kuwait (KU)	Dr. Issam Al Rizq
1400	Bangkok (RJ)	Dr. Ali As'ad
1405	Cairo (MS)	Dr. Abdul Wahab Awad
1525	Kuwait (KU)	Firdous pharmacy
1600	Bahrain, Abu Dhabi (RJ)	Al Asema pharmacy
1615	London (UK)	Badrakouh pharmacy
1700	Paris (FR)	Al Salam pharmacy
1745	Riyadh (SV)	Yacoub pharmacy
1900	Dubai (EK)	Stomelis pharmacy
2015	Sana'a (LH)	Al Salam pharmacy
2145	Baghdad (AF)	Stomelis pharmacy

PRAYER TIMES

03:46	Fajr	TAXIS:
05:27	Sunrise (Duha)	Taxi taxi
12:35	Dhuhr	Venice taxi
16:18	'Asr	Astur taxi
19:47	Maghreb	Asfour taxi
21:24	Isha	Nahda taxi
01:15	Magrib	Holiday taxi
02:42	Isha	Sayed taxi
04:22	Maghreb	Middle East taxi

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Regent visits Ghor Al Safi, urges development of area

GHOR AL SAFI (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday visited Ghor Al Safi region south of the Dead Sea, and emphasised the importance of giving guidance to local inhabitants to increase their agricultural output, and the need to offer the population the chance to participate in the process of development and construction.

Prince Hassan was speaking after inspecting the Zara-Ghor Haditha Road and Bani Hamida villages, where he met with the people and inquired after their living conditions and their livelihood.

He said measures should be taken to define different allotments of land and their owners,

setting up appropriate housing facilities for farmers to be carried out by the Jordan Valley Authority and other concerned departments.

Prince Hassan underlined the importance of opening agricultural roads and supporting agrarian reform schemes.

Referring to Aqaba Port which is to be linked by the road, he said, it annually handles 18 million tonnes of goods and for this reason the government is concerned over the construction of roads which are the lifelines of the port.

Prince Hassan was accompanied on the tour by Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh and other officials.

The Ghor Haditha Road he said is also useful for the Potash project on the southern tip of the Dead Sea.

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Kuwaiti aide visits Jordan Valley

AMMAN (Petra) — The visiting Kuwaiti chairman of the board of directors of the General Corporation for Agricultural and Fisheries Affairs Ibrahim Al Du'eij Al Sabbagh Wednesday visited a number of agricultural projects in the Jordan Valley region.

Accompanied by Ministry of Agriculture's Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi, Du'eij inspected a tomato paste processing plant, operated at Al Arida by the Jordan Agriculture Marketing

and Processing Company (JAMPCO) and heard a briefing by its manager on the plant's operations and production.

The plant receives a daily average of 900 tonnes of tomatoes for processing at the plant, and this season will produce a total of 700 tonnes of tomato paste which is marketed here and abroad, the manager said.

Later, the Kuwaiti visitors called at the fisheries project in the Jordan Valley which produces

Seminar to discuss crime in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Crime in Jordanian society will be the topic of a seminar which will open at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Sunday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent.

Specialists and sociologists from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, the Public Security Department (PSD) and the University of Jordan will deliver speeches at the seminar which is being organised by the Ministry

of Awqaf.

A report published in April by the PSD revealed that there were 18,129 crimes in Jordan during 1987, down from 19,579 in the previous year, thus registering a drop of 7.4 per cent.

PSD Director General Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali said 1987 witnessed 68 murder cases of which 61 were discovered and that most of the murders were committed on moral grounds.

Majali attributed most of the

crime to imbalance in character, unlawful sexual relations and poor background.

Last year also witnessed a total of 4,305 thefts and robberies, but these were less by 9.9 per cent over figures released in 1986, according to Majali.

In March, a seminar on crime and means of protecting the society from criminals, recommended that a higher national committee be formed to work out a long-term national strategy for combating crime.

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led at the fisheries project in the Jordan Valley which produces

some 420 tonnes of fish annually, part of which is exported to other Arab states.

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at the Agricultural Department in the Jordan Valley where he was acquainted with techniques and methods offered to the local farmers to increase the output.

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King reaffirms commitment

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took the Zionist enemy by surprise, causing confusion and bringing about a realisation for the first time after twenty years of occupation that the continuation of the occupation had a heavy financial, moral and political price. It drove the enemy to expand their terrorist colours and disregard human rights. It perturbed Jewish groups around the world, particularly in the United States, which has launched a new peace initiative — the Shultz initiative. Once again, we agreed to engage in a dialogue with Mr. Shultz over his initiative, in coordination with the Arab brethren concerned, particularly Syria. Our interaction with the new initiative was based on a set of principles which we enclosed in a memorandum handed to Mr. Shultz. The memorandum also set forth our understanding of the initiative in the light of our contacts and discussions with the American side. These principles are:

1. The inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war. Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories is the basis of the settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the establishment of a just and durable peace.

2. The settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict requires the settlement of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects, including the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

3. The settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian problem must be a comprehensive settlement. Negotiations to arrive at a comprehensive settlement can only take place within the international context.

4. The international conference will merely be a ceremonial international gathering structured for the sole purpose of launching direct negotiations. It should reflect the moral and constant weight of the five permanent members of the Security Council to arrive at a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

5. The principles of Security Council Resolution 242 apply to all the occupied territories and are the basis for negotiations in the bilateral committee. They, as principles, are not negotiable in the committee.

6. In exercising its sovereign right, Jordan is prepared to attend the international conference with other involved parties. Jordan will not represent the Palestinian people. The conference will negotiate the settlement of the Palestinian problem on behalf of the PLO. Jordan is also prepared to attend the conference in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation if the concerned parties accept this arrangement.

As for our understanding of the American initiative as presented by the American secretary of state, we have summarised it as follows:

1. The international conference shall be convened to attain a comprehensive peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to settle the Palestinian problem in all its aspects and to guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

2. The U.N. secretary general shall issue invitations to all the parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as well as the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council to participate in the conference. The PLO will be invited to the conference since the Palestinian people must be active participants in the negotiations to determine their future.

3. The international conference, in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict, requires the participation of the United States and the Soviet Union.

4. The international conference will have an ongoing role.

5. Final status negotiations over the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and the Golan Heights will be based on all the provisions and principles of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. Thus all the provisions and principles of Security Council Resolution 242 apply to all the occupied territories in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights.

6. Any transitional arrangements are a step towards the final status, and are not a separate or interim one. Since transitional arrangements directly affect the final settlement, they apply to all the lands and resources of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. They also apply to all Palestinian people in the occupied territories including the Palestinians in Arab Jerusalem.

These are the principles to which we have affirmed our commitment as we deal with the initiative. They clearly indicate our reservations with regard to a number of points contained in it. In any case, the Shultz initiative, despite its rejection by the Israeli government, continues to be the subject of a dialogue between the United States, the Soviet Union and the involved Arab states with a view to developing it so as to conform with the bases of the Arab position.

Your Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses,

This, then, is the second phase of the relationship of Jordan with the Palestinian issue. It is characterised by a Jordanian policy of supporting self-determination and political action in order to recover the occupied territories. Because of this active interrelationship, certain sensitivities have appeared between us and our brethren in the PLO. They may have been prompted by suspicions that our actions have a desire for greater hegemony over the West Bank after liberation. In our dealings with each other, we came to be seen as competing rather than cooperating. They misunderstood our adherence to Security Council Resolution 242 which affirms the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and calls for the withdrawal from the occupied territories. This has strengthened their emphasis on moving towards a separation from us.

It may be appropriate to remind my fellow leaders that at the 1974 Rabat summit we agreed, after a thorough

discussion, to regard the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Jordan honoured the request made at that time by fellow Arab leaders as well as by the PLO that we continue to deal with our brethren in the occupied Palestinian territories through existing Jordanian institutions. The purpose was to ease the people's burden and support their steadfastness.

We have even lately heard, and during the uprising, certain voices that have characterised our continued support to our brethren in the occupied Palestinian territories as an attempt by Jordan to exercise hegemony over Palestinian land and to bypass the PLO. These voices forget that Jordan's persistence in dealing with its brethren on the Palestinian land is not only emanating from its national commitment, but also from Jordan's honouring of the call to Arab leaders at the 1974 Rabat summit to continue our support in order to facilitate the running of daily life and to strengthen their steadfastness. In any case, we are prepared to honour whatever you see fit.

Some may ask why do we persist? Why should we deal with initiatives, receive delegations, conduct dialogues, draw up development plans for the occupied territories and preserve the constitutional frameworks which reflect the union of the two banks? Why should we preserve the legality of our institutions in the West Bank? What all this? Why don't we satisfy ourselves with a declaration of support for the PLO and its positions, since our efforts are construed as competition and bring upon ourselves misunderstandings and lack of confidence with all the troubles and burdens they entail and which we could well do without? Indeed we have heard such questions within our country just as we heard them from some of our Arab brethren.

These facts lead us to two conclusions:

(A) The United States places the uprising at the level of a Palestinian war against Israel. It is on this basis that it has launched a new peace initiative.

(B) As American action usually comes with the passing of the crisis, we should support the uprising in an organised and effective manner and ensure that it continues until it achieves its objectives.

On our part, we shall stand firm on the six principles we have announced and handed to Mr. Shultz. We look forward to the emergence of a unified Arab stand which can support the uprising through internationally acceptable political action in order to win the world over to our side and so that the Palestinian people may feel that their legitimate struggle will lead, God willing, to success and victory.

In our view, political action emanating from the principles affirmed by the various Arab summits could be based on two principles:

(A) Adherence to the convening of an effective international conference for peace in the Middle East with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council and all the parties to the conflict including the PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people; on an equal footing for the purpose of achieving a peaceful, comprehensive and just settlement which would secure the recovery of the Arab territories, the solution of the Palestinian issue in all its aspects and the restoration of the national rights of the Arab Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination and Israel's right to exist.

(B) Adherence to PLO participation in the international conference without tying our hands with regard to details of the manner of participation, although, in the first place, we would welcome PLO participation through an independent delegation if possible, or in a joint Arab delegation if possible, or under any other arrangement that would facilitate the convening of the conference.

However, if my fellow Arab leaders, together with the PLO, find it necessary and useful to agree to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state as a precondition to the convening of an international conference and to insist on the participation by the PLO in a separate delegation, even if this does not lead to the convening of the conference, we shall not differ with them on that. In all circumstances, we stand ready to agree to whatever the fellow Arab leaders unanimously adopt. As I said before, we have no designs, ambitions or goals other than the liberation of the Palestinian territories and enabling the Palestinian people to determine their own destiny on their national soil and regain their legitimate national rights.

2. The financial level

To continue to support the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories is a support of the cause.

2. Establishment of a federal order under the rubric of the United Arab Kingdom to be composed of two states, Jordan and Palestine, each with its own parliament and state government, with the federal union having a joint federal government and parliament drawn in equal numbers from each state.

3. Establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

At the time it seemed that the second option was the most acceptable in that it affirmed the Palestinian identity, preserved the complementarity between the two states and reflected the distinctive relationship between the two peoples.

"Delivery of financial assistance will strengthen the ability of the uprising to continue. The continuance of the uprising will mean continued pressure on Israel and a concomitant rise in international concern, particularly in the United States, for working towards the achievement of a peaceful, comprehensive and just settlement based on international law."

On our part in Jordan, since the uprising began, we have taken the initiative in setting up government and popular committees to organise the collection of contributions and their delivery to those who have incurred damage. We have maintained our support for the steadfastness of our brethren under occupation, whether by continuing to pay the salaries of employees working in the various official institutions existing before the 1967 war, or through facilitating the entry of external support payments and through the opening up of the Jordanian market to the occupied territories produce all industrial and agricultural goods. We also provided emergency assistance in the form of the settlement of outstanding water bills of some refugees

in the West Bank, the covering of the Palestinian students fees enrolled in Jordanian universities and allocating permanent salaries to the families of Palestinian martyrs. It may be useful to recall, together with my fellow leaders, that in practical terms the union of the two banks continued after the occupation. Jordanian law is still applied in the West Bank. Jordanian currency is still the main currency in circulation as well as for savings. State and popular institutions are still extant and functioning in the areas of education, agriculture, passports, public works, water irrigation, awqaf, religious courts and social development, in addition to municipalities, unions, cooperative and charitable societies, and clubs. About eighteen thousand employees continue to receive their salaries from the Jordanian government treasury, including striking lawyers, in addition to salaries for six thousand employees in the Gaza Strip. Likewise, Jordan continues to be the main external market for commodities from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

We have maintained all of this to the greatest extent permitted by our financial resources and the conditions of occupation. We had no motive in doing so but to support the steadfastness of our people there and enable them to fulfil their historic responsibility of foiling the expansionist designs of the occupying authorities through holding on to their land, the land of their ancestors, confronting and resisting the forces of occupation.

3. The moral level

As it is obvious to you, moral support for the uprising is contingent in the first place on success achieved at the political and financial levels.

This should be followed by an organised information campaign aimed at our people resisting occupation, and the world community with special emphasis on the U.S. which is Israel's main benefactor. Israel should be exposed for thwarting and obstructing all peace efforts, for its policy of colonising Arab lands in an era of decolonisation, for her violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories as well as for her terrorism inside and outside these territories. These policies should be exposed so that the uprising wins firm international support as it seeks to achieve the Palestinian people's legitimate goals of freedom, dignity and self-determination.

4. Contacts to continue

Brutents was quoted as saying the Soviet Union would continue contacts with the United States and Arab countries to convene an international Middle East peace conference, building on the achievements of the superpower summit of Moscow.

Brutents said that a settlement worked out at the proposed conference should be based "on the respect of the balance of interests between the Palestinian right to self-determination and Israel's right to exist."

The arrests were made in

Tuesday's blast in west Beirut.

Two Syrian soldiers were among

40 people wounded when it exploded a few metres from a Syrian checkpoint.

Two men, reported to be mem-

bers of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah

(Party of God), died in an ex-

change of gunfire with Lebanese

police from a car close to the

scene of the Marmel area explo-

sion, police said. Hezbollah de-

nied they were its members.

Syrian troops also arrested six

people in pre-dawn raids in

south Beirut after the car-

bombing, police reported.

A police spokesman said the

arrests were made in the seaside

Ouzai district.

The arrests were made "in con-

nection with the bombing and the

gunfight," said the spokesman,

who cannot be named under

standing regulations.

He refused to identify the sus-

pects or give any details of the

raids.

It was the fifth car bombing in

Lebanon this year.

The shooting was the first clash

between Hezbollah and the Syri-

ans since Syrian troops were

deployed in south Beirut May 27

to end a three-week war between

Hizballah and its Syrian-backed

Amal.

The gunfire erupted when Sy-

rian troops and Lebanese police-

men cordoned off the scene of the

explosion, police said. Hezbollah de-

nied they were its members.

The Syrians ordered the gun-

men out of their gray Renault

sedan and when they refused, the

troops and policemen tried to

drag them out, the spokesman said.

"One gunman fired his pistol,

and a shootout broke out in

which two gunmen were killed

and a civilian passer-by was

wounded," he said.

He identified one of the slain

gunmen as Abu Ali Assaf, a

Hizballah official.

Amal leader Nabih Berri Tues-

day accused the Lebanese Forces

of the bombing as a reprisal for a

blast that killed 15 people in the

Ashrayeh residential area of east

Beirut last week.

"It is not the first time that the

Lebanese Forces reveal their ugly

faces and bloodstained hands,"

Berri said.

Berri said the bomb was in

protest at Syria's role in Lebanon,

which is strongly opposed by the

Lebanese Forces.

The mainly Christian rightist

militia's leaders accused Syria of

planning the Ashrafieh bombing

to bring pressure on them to ac-

cept Damascus' efforts to achieve

intercommunal peace.

The two explosions sparked

fears of a wave of such attacks,

seen as part of an expected

bloody struggle ahead of presi-

dential elections in August.

"This war of car bombs could

continue especially now before

the elections when every side is

trying to prove its role," said an

independent rightist politician.

"It is not new as throughout

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Jordanians, Scandinavians create new business club

By Gillian Haggerty
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A business club designed to improve commercial relations between Jordan and the Scandinavian countries was created Wednesday after unanimous vote by nearly 50 businessmen from the two areas.

"We all need to learn more about each others' countries," the Swedish Ambassador to Amman Lars Lonnback said at a business luncheon held to discuss the idea. "Good business means jobs, development and something to build a future on."

Approved as an extension of the Jordanian Scandinavian Friendship Society, the business club will take such actions as arranging seminars on the latest business developments, including exchanging information on technological advances.

Denmark's Honorary Consul General Tawfiq Kawar said the club would be "beneficial to Scandinavia as well as Jordan." He added that Jordanian businessmen had "lot to learn from Scandinavians."

Trade between the two regions remains vastly unequal.

The trade balance between Jordan and Scandinavian countries is heavily tilted in favour of

Sweden, Denmark and Finland, while hardly any trade exchange exists with Norway, speakers at the meeting said.

"A lot of improvement needs to be done," said George Wegelius, a Finnish businessman who resides in Jordan. "Finland has very high technology but the knowledge many times stops in Europe."

Lonnback told the gathering that there was "very much room" for redressing Jordan's nearly \$35 million trade deficit with Sweden, and that official contacts and concrete work would contribute to balanced trade relations.

Finland's Honorary Consul Numan Rusheidat said that Finland had contributed to several projects in the field of telecommunications in Jordan and that there were abundant opportunities for further cooperation.

Norway's Honorary Consul General George Khouri said that though there was hardly any

trade exchange between the Kingdom and Norway, a will to explore areas of cooperation, exists possibly through the established business club.

The meeting, held at the Amra Hotel, also endorsed the appointment of a seven-member committee to help carry out the business club's objectives. The group's next meeting is scheduled for September.

The club's Chairman Khaled Nabghali said that the new group hopes to acquaint businessmen in Jordan and Scandinavia with the various rules and regulations governing business in both areas.

"This will ease and prompt business activities and functions," Nabghali said.

He said a discussion of difficulties facing business cooperation would help find solutions by the exchange of information and coordination.

Hans Henrik Friis, the assistant commercial attaché of the Royal Danish Commercial Office in Amman, said Scandinavian businessmen could also benefit from an association with their Jordanian counterparts.

He proposed a meeting every two months between Jordanian and Scandinavian businessmen in Amman to discuss ways to boost cooperation and strengthen already existing ties.

Japan to unveil new debt proposal at summit

TOKYO (R) — Japan looks set to unveil a new plan to cut the crippling debt burden of Third World nations at an economic summit of leading industrial democracies later this month, banking sources said Wednesday.

The proposal seeks to help such debt-ridden nations as Brazil, Mexico and Argentina by making greater use of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the multilateral body that polices the world economy.

Tokyo is sensitive to criticism that it is not doing enough to use its massive trade surplus to help developing nations.

Under the proposed scheme, the IMF would set up a special trust fund with money provided by Japan and debtor countries, the banking sources said.

The fund would be used as collateral to back bonds to be issued by debtor nations. Those bonds would then be swapped for debts the countries already owe to commercial banks.

As the debts would be swapped at a discount to their face value, the deal would effectively reduce the debt burden of the Third World nations who participate.

The Japanese proposal is modelled on a Mexican debt-for-bond swap earlier this year.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Selective buying by institutions pulled Australian shares off their lows after early profit-taking triggered by downturns on Wall Street and in London. The All Ordinaries Index was down 4.6 at 1591.8.

TOKYO — Prices fell slightly in brisk trade due to lack of buying incentives and concern over weakness on Wall Street overnight. The Nikkei Index fell 54.67 to 27,912.65.

HONG KONG — Local institutional buying pushed prices past the 2,600 level on the Hang Seng Index for the first time since May 4. The index rose 2.95 to 2,608.98.

SINGAPORE — Prices rebounded to close marginally higher across the board on speculative buying and some bargain-hunting in active trading. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 9.32 to 1,040.51.

BOMBAY — Prices closed mixed in alternate bouts of heavy selling and buying when trading resumed after being disrupted for two days. Tata Steel rose 27.5 rupees to 902.5.

FRANKFURT — Shares shrugged off a poor opening to end higher despite fears that Tuesday's downward technical reaction would continue. The Commerzbank Index, calculated at mid-session, was down 6.8 at 1,398.7.

ZURICH — Prices closed narrowly mixed, with the overnight fall on Wall Street and Wednesday's slightly firmer dollar making little impact. The All-Share Swiss Index was up 0.4 to 842.

PARIS — Shares opened the floor session 0.30 per cent higher in fairly quiet trading, as the market continued to consolidate after recent sharp rises.

LONDON — Shares were mixed in late-afternoon business, with selective speculative interest and a firmer opening on Wall Street holding prices above the lows early in the session. At 1429 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 0.1 to 1,820.3.

NEW YORK — Stocks showed moderate gains in morning trading but had pulled back slightly from early highs. The Dow was up eight at 2,063.

U.K. to sell state-owned bank

LONDON (AP) — The government announced Tuesday that it would offer the state-owned bank, Girobank, for sale to a financial institution.

Girobank, formally National Giro, is Britain's sixth largest bank. It was set up in 1968 to cater to the needs of traditionally cash-oriented wage earners and now is part of the post office.

Industry Minister Kenneth Clarke announced the latest privatisation in the House of Commons, saying the bank "now needs to expand vigorously."

The bank, which has about 2.5 million customers, had pre-tax profit of £23.1 million (£42 million) on revenue of £228 million (£59 million) last year.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has previously ruled out the privatisation of the Royal Mail, but not of other postal activities.

The sale of the bank, which analysts said could raise £300 million (£543 million), is expected to take place by the end of the year.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for June 8, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	453992	JD 453017	501
Top three companies:	87459	JD 145776	65
Arab Aluminum Manufacturing	878750	JD 43358	54
Finance and Credit Corporation	31450	JD 40378	34
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	22566	JD 9559	—
Parallel market:	—	—	—
Development bonds:	—	—	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.8220/30	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2230/40	Canadian dollar
	1.7150/57	Deutschmarks
	1.9250/60	Dutch guilders
	1.4290/4300	Swiss francs
	35.83/85	Belgian francs
	5.7190/40	French francs
	1272/1273	Italian lire
	125.08/18	Japanese yen
	5.9750/0800	Swedish crowns
	6.2500/2400	Norwegian crowns
	6.5230/80	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	458.70/459.10	U.S. dollars

U.S. banks improve earnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earnings of U.S. commercial banks rebounded in the first three months of this year an improvement among midwestern farm banks and at the largest banks offset a dismal performance in south west oil states.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), which insures deposits up to \$100,000 in 13,540 banks, said earnings improved in all areas of the country except the south west. But that was enough to pull the industry-wide profit down somewhat from \$3.5 billion in January-March 1987, to \$3 billion for the same period this year.

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Diagramless 19 x 19, by Roger Coburn

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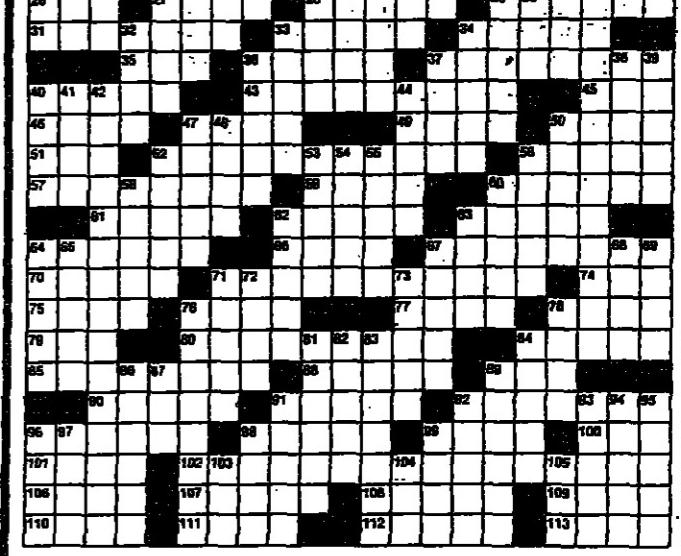
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1. Mystical maiden who adored romance novels was utterly in love with mythical unicorn.
2. My job is to see that things are done just precisely by the rules — however much everything gets screwed up by it.
3. New Southwestern adobe houses are traditional Hopi Indian pueblos.
4. A worthwhile goal is to get where one wants to go.

CRYPTOGRAMS

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— By Sally L. Murray

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— By Lois R. Jones

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— By Gordon Miller

4. BTJKNSPE JCNEVDN CVVA EJLC DEPXBN
STVX SJXYPL JOI DTVPI DNJKVKA — By Earl Ireland

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Performances 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

Cinema PLAZA Tel: 677420

SPORTS IN BRIEF

American athletes win four events

MADRID, Spain (AP) — American athletes won four events in an international track and field meet held at the Vallehermoso stadium here Tuesday. Calvin Smith, world champion at Roma last year, won the 100 metres in 10.18, followed by Desai Williams of Canada 10.19. Larry Myricks of the United States won the long jump with 2.85 metres (27 feet 0 3/4 inches). Spain's Antonio Cordon was second with 2.78 metres (25 feet 10 inches) followed by Stanislaw Jaskulka, Poland, with 2.75 (25 feet 9 1/4 inches). Andrew Valmon of the United States won the 400 metres in 45.27. Ivory Coast's Gabriel Tiacoche was second in 45.57 and Calisto Daniel of the United States was third in 45.65. Danny Harris of the United States won the 400-metre hurdles in 48.57. Amadou Dia Ba of Senegal was second in 48.86 and Nat Page of the United States was third in 49.11.

Osterthun ousts Vilas in 1st round

BOLOGNA, Italy (R) — Unforced errors cost Argentine veteran Guillermo Vilas a place in the second round of the Bologna International Tennis Tournament when he lost 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 to Ricky Osterthun of West Germany Tuesday. Vilas, a wild card entry, fought back from 4-2 down in the final set to lead 6-5 with match point but fluffed a routine backhand and then double-

faulted in the tie-break when he was serving to save the match. The first-round clash between Vilas and Osterthun, seeded six, was repeatedly halted by rain and took more than five hours to complete because of the interruptions. Mexico's Francisco Maciel, who had to qualify for the tournament, had no trouble dismissing eighth-seeded Italian Massimiliano Narducci 6-3, 6-3.

Uberroth to quit as baseball commissioner

NEW YORK (R) — Peter Ueberroth said Tuesday that he will step down as commissioner of major league baseball at the end of 1989. Ueberroth thanked those team owners who had asked him to stay on for another term, but said he "would not do that under any circumstances." He said there were a number of reasons for his decision to step down and cited family and personal concerns as contributing factors. Ueberroth did agree however, to participate in the selection of his successor and said he would stay on for a transition period to assist the next commissioner in negotiating labour and television contracts. "My successor will benefit from a smooth transition during which we will work hand-in-hand to assure that the game is on solid footing," Ueberroth told a news conference.

Mayweather injured in car accident

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — Roger Mayweather, who successfully defended his World Boxing Council (WBC) super lightweight title, was injured the next day when his car hit another vehicle near the Las Vegas Hilton. Mayweather was taken by ambulance to Huonana Hospital Sunrise, where he was treated for multiple lacerations and released. In the accident Tuesday, Mayweather was issued five citations, including crossing a yellow line to cause the accident, driving without a valid driver's licence and driving with no insurance, according to Metro police Sgt. Steve Tuggee. The accident occurred as other fighters from the Monday night card were holding a news conference inside the hotel.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carol Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You need some financial advice. Your senses will be acutely aware; listen only to a qualified expert. A or everything going on around you, social affairs with your mate will get and this is a good time for going to the pub of that rat you've been in, so be ready to jump on opportunities. Communicative abilities are especially keen today.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can easily get others to go along with your ideas or plans today. Try to find more modern methods for your daily activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't let others become aware of important decisions you have made, or you will greatly regret it. Build up your financial security.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Contact your closest friends today, and reaffirm your relationships. You can reap many benefits from a social affair this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Work on making your home more charming and comfortable, then invite some fascinating and cheerful guests for a fine evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can have a wonderful day and evening, enjoying the real social activities you like the most. Be cautious with all communications.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) More modern methods can help you to benefit more from your daily routines. If you need some advice in business, consult an expert.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is the ideal time to handle any financial or business difficulties. Accept advice only from persons who have a record of past successes. Use tact and charm rather than forcing your opinions.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) This is a good time to revise your budget and cut down on expenses. Accept the support of a prominent person who understands your needs.

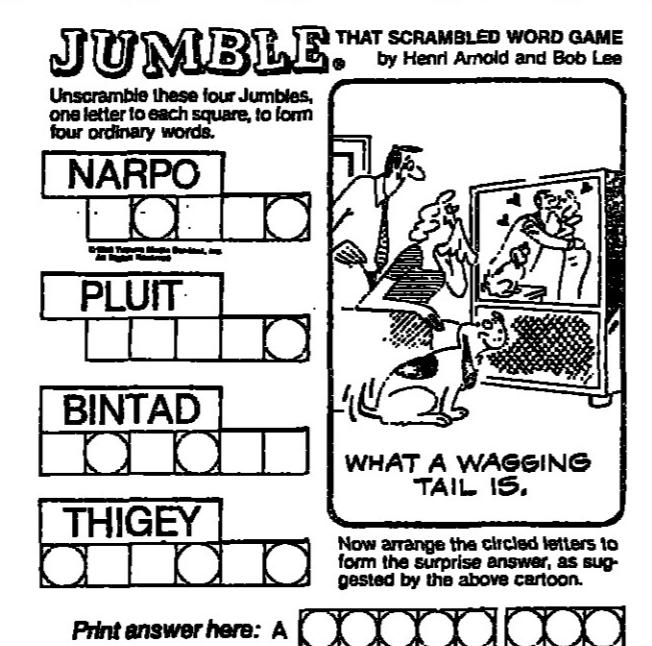
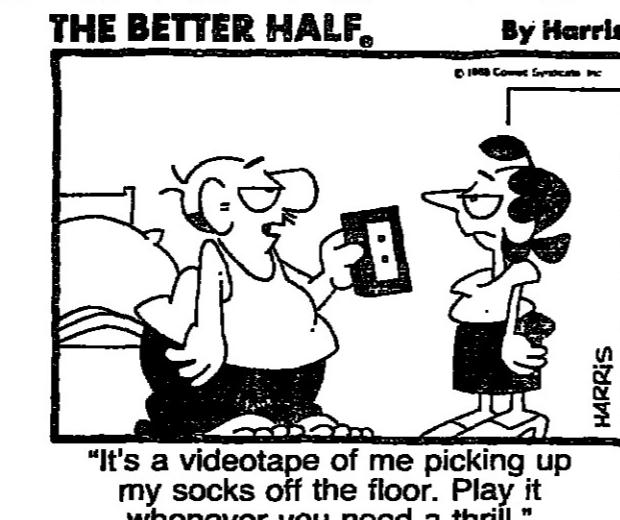
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Check out the cost of a recreation you are planning before committing yourself. Speak calmly with a stubborn co-worker, and avoid arguing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Find out what can be done to turn a bad situation to your advantage, but be practical. Show your mate you will back a new project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study the cost of a recreation you are planning to enjoy during the weekend, and make sure it fits your budget. Keep busy and feel happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you want to entertain some guests in your home tonight, keep it simple and inexpensive so that you won't wear yourself out.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Any dealings you have with others today, whether close friends or just acquaintances, will make relationships much more valuable.



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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: ALBUM TEPID MUSLIN REDEEM

Answer: What hot weather is often known as— "SIMMER" TIME

Schuster joins Real Madrid

MADRID (R) — West German midfielder Bernd Schuster has joined Spanish league champions Real Madrid for three years in a six-million-dollar deal.

Real Madrid president Ramon Mendoza announced the move Tuesday, confirming months of rumour that Schuster would join Real after saying a year ago he would not renew his contract with arch-rivals Barcelona.

"It's very important for my soccer signing for Real Madrid. It's a very calm club that knows what it's doing and that gives me a lot of confidence," Schuster said.

Schuster, 28, spent the last eight years with Barcelona, where he had several problems, clashing with coaches, players and club president Jose Luis Nunez.

During the European Cup final against Romania's Steaua Bucharest in Seville two years ago, he stormed home from the stadium after being substituted by Barcelona's coach at that time, Terry Venables. Barcelona lost the match on penalties.

Nunez kept him on the bench throughout the 1986-87 season and Schuster refused to renew his contract.

The West German would not comment on investigations into his alleged tax evasion. Schuster, along with Nunez, was charged two weeks ago by a judge who claimed he failed to pay 6.6 million pesetas (\$60,000) in tax between 1983 and 1986.

Argentina faces U.S. in 1st round

Olympic soccer schedule decided

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — World Cup champion Argentina will meet the United States in a first-round game of the Olympic soccer tournament, and 1984 Olympic silver medallist Brazil will meet Nigeria in its opener, according to a schedule decided Wednesday.

The schedule for the 16 survivors of regional competition was determined in a draw presided over by Joao Havelange, president of the International Football Federation, and Park Seok-Jik, president of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee.

Argentina, the United States, the Soviet Union and host South Korea were drawn in group C.

Brazil, Nigeria, Australia and Yugoslavia, the 1984 bronze medallist, were drawn in group D.

Along with China and Tunisia, two European teams — West Germany and Sweden — were drawn in group A, the only group that defied efforts to keep teams from different continents in different groups for the preliminary round. There are five European teams in the tournament.

Group B includes Italy, Iraq, Mexico and Zambia.

The top two teams from each group advance to the quarterfinals. The Olympic soccer games are being played in Seoul and four major South Korean provincial cities — Pusan, Taegu, Kwangju and Taejon.

On opening day, Sept. 17, Chi-

choslovakia for a place in the final 16.

West Germany, the final European qualifier, lost its opening qualifying match to Romania but then scored five victories and two draws.

Argentina, which beat West Germany in the 1986 World Cup final, and Brazil advanced easily from South America.

China qualified by beating Japan 2-0 in Japan in the decisive match, while Iraq survived a qualifying series that included not one home game.

In his opening remarks, Park said, "It goes without saying that Olympic sports are all equally important. However, it would not be an exaggeration to say that soccer is the essence of the Olympics. This is because it draws the attention of the largest number of people around the world."

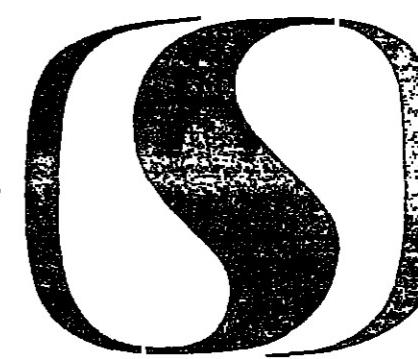
Havelange described the Olympic tournament as his federation's "second most important competition," after the World Cup.

1984 cautions still valid to European finals

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — Eleven players carrying booking into the European Soccer Championship finals from the qualifying rounds will be banned for one match if they receive another yellow card, organisers said Tuesday. The organising committee, following the procedure used in the 1984 finals in France, decided the cautions would remain valid in the final tournament in West Germany.

Coming Soon

AMMAN'S LARGEST SHOPPING CENTER



**SAFEWAY
INTERNATIONAL**

GOREN BRIDGE

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AND OMAR SHARIF
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A BRILLIANT BOTTOM

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ 10 3
5 5 4
J 4 3 2
K Q 4

WEST
♦ 8 7 4 2
Q 7
Q 7
A 10 9 6 3 2
SOUTH

♦ A K 5
A K Q J 3 2
A K 6 5
♦ Void

The bidding:

South West North East
2 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 ♦ Pass 5 ♦ Pass
6 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♦

One of the more unusual new bridge books (*Tops and Bottoms*, by Matthew and Pamela Granovetter, Granovetter Books, 180 pp., paperback, \$11.95). Available from The Bridge World, 39 West 54th St., New York N.Y. 10020) brought back fond memories. Among its 52 hands, featuring the world's great players of yesterday and today, is this one, played in a tournament many years ago by our senior scribe. It features one of his favorite plays for one of his worst results.

He offered North every encour-

agement to bid a grand slam with his cue-bidding sequence. Note that, because of his void in clubs, he studiously avoided asking for aces with four no trump. When North refused to cooperate, South reluctantly settled for a small slam.

West led a trump and, when dummy appeared, declarer was happy with his cautious approach. He won the opening lead, drew the rest of the trumps and cashed the ace-king of diamonds. Suddenly, even 12 tricks became doubtful because of the 4-1 diamond split.

There was a chance. If West held the ace of clubs and declarer could create a second entry to dummy, a high club would be his 12th trick. To accomplish that, he embarked on a spectacular line. He cashed the ace of spades and then boldly finessed the ten of spades. When that won, declarer continued with the king of clubs, discarding the king of spades from hand! West won, but had only black cards to return and that gave declarer his second entry to dummy while allowing him to discard two diamonds on the black-spade winners.

What did this brilliant play earn our senior scribe? A cold bottom! At the other tables the lead was invariably the ace of clubs, allowing declarer to score all 13 tricks. We found the book an enjoyable, if expensive, read.

FIRST RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight	Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Awwad Mahmoud Mohammad	M. Tank	Owner	Ibrahim	56	Badir Eliai	Khar Eldin Rashied	53		
2- Salih El Adwan	S. El Ghoar	Amiad	53	H. Elkhair	Khar Eldin	53			
3- Samy Ahmad Ashran	Sraj	Owner	A. Jaber	53	Ibram Hany Sharafat	Hamam	53		
4- Abdullah A. El Raheem	Adham	Owner			Sahary	Owner	Saad	51 5	
5- Mohammad Khalid El Fajez	El Kastal	Owner	Yousef	50	Nimir El Hmoud	Abehr	Hilary	50	
6- Mohammad Khalid El Fajez	T. Tale	Owner	Rashied	48.5	Fawaz Anwar El Shalan	Mohsin	Kasim	50	
7- Mamdoh Mohammad Khalil	W. Hazim	Owner			Nawaf Anwar El Shalan	Ahd	Mohsin	George	50

THIRD RACE 5.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight	Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Samy Yacoub Madros	A. El Fawaris	Adnan	Saad	53	1- Aly Fareed El Saad	Waly	Adnan	A. Jaber	56
2- Kamal Wasiel Bharat	Sara Eliai	Khar Eldin	Rasheed	53	2- Aly Fareed El Saad	Mazyoun	Adnan	A. Jaber	56
3- Mashhour Faisal A. Jnab	T. El Thesaya	Owner	Yousef	53	3- Fawaz Anwar El Shalan	El Hoda	Mohsin	Kasim	55
4- H.H. Late Sheriff Nasir Stable	Kareem	Abbas	Fawaz	50	4- Nimir El Hmoud	Midan	George	48.5	
5- H.H. Late Sheriff Nasir Stable	Sarim	Abbas	Ibrahim	50	5- Nimir El Hmoud				

S. Africans sustain unprecedented strike

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African blacks sustained a massive protest strike for an unprecedented third day Wednesday.

Police reported more political violence, including the death of a two-year-old baby, but most black townships appeared peaceful as the strike moved to a close.

Support for the stay-away, which independent experts said was backed by up to two million blacks earlier in the week, varied from area to area.

State-run railways reported commuter trains in the industrial belt around Johannesburg carried well below half the normal passenger load Wednesday.

Trains from Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township south of Johannesburg, were nearly empty but in some other districts workers appeared to be drifting back to their jobs, transport officials said.

Emergency press controls outlawed detailed reporting of the stoppage, which labour analysts said had become the longest of its size.

Media lawyers again advised journalists Wednesday against issuing reports which documented the extent to which the strike might have succeeded.

The Black Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) and rival National Council of Trade Unions called for three days of protest against a planned change in labour laws and the government's crackdown on black dissent.

For the first time, police reported intimidation of workers in their daily bulletin on political unrest Wednesday. Police said they opened fire on rampaging blacks in four townships.

Most of the violence was in Natal Province where the strike fuelled a year-old black power struggle between the moderate Inkatha Movement and more radical United Democratic Front

This story was written under South Africa's state of emergency which imposes severe reporting restrictions.

with gangs of up to 100 launching daylight raids on rival communities.

Radley Keys, a progressive Federal Party representative in the Natal capital of Pietermaritzburg, said the strike had become "loaded issue" because it had been denounced by Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief of the Zulu Tribe.

COSATU belongs to the UDF. "Anybody who goes on strike here will be branded an opponent of Inkatha," a Pietermaritzburg civil rights lawyer said.

Unions affiliated to COSATU were meeting to discuss whether to take up a government offer to present their objections on the proposed labour relations amendment bill.

COSATU says it has already outlined its objections to the parliamentary committee studying

up guerrilla attacks in South Africa and warned it not to underestimate the government's iron fist.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok's warning followed a newspaper report of an ANC threat to kill judges and members of parliament as part of a plan to disrupt municipal elections in October.

"Do not underestimate our fist of iron," he said in a statement. "We will not just sit back and allow you to threaten or endanger the lives of South Africans."

Chris Hani, chief of staff of the ANC's military wing, told the London Times this week he regarded members of the ruling National Party and of the far-right Conservative Party as legitimate targets for attack and assassination.

Reactionary judges who dish out death sentences on "black people" and other whites who enforced apartheid were also legitimate targets, he said.

Hani was quoted as saying he would like to see sabotage in white urban areas stepped up to make life more uncertain for the white minority.

The ANC has waged a guerrilla war against white minority rule since 1960, when it was banned by the government and forced into exile. The movement has acknowledged responsibility for dozens of attacks.

The government blames the ANC for a spate of urban bomb blasts, including an explosion that killed four people in Roodepoort, near Johannesburg, last week.



Michael Dukakis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President George Bush, assured of the Republican presidential nomination, and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic nominee-to-be, celebrated the end of the long primary season Wednesday.

Bush declared their readiness for battle in the general election; a fight they pledged would offer voters a clear choice on the issues.

"The race to the finish line begins," proclaimed a jubilant Dukakis after returns from a four-state primary sweep guaranteed him a delegate majority. He

won races in California, New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico.

While Dukakis could enter the race with an edge in polls showing Americans wanting a change after nearly eight years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, Bush could find strength in the Republican hold on the electoral votes of southern and western states.

The vice president was meeting Wednesday morning in Washington with Reagan, who has vowed to campaign hard for his loyal second-in-command.

In New Mexico, with returns from 97 per cent of the precincts, it was Dukakis 109,957 or 61 per cent, to Jackson's 49,797 or 28 per cent. Bush had 78 per cent of the vote, translating into 65,733 votes from 97 per cent of the precincts.

In Montana, with returns from 99 per cent of the precincts, Dukakis had 82,034, or 69 per cent, to Jackson's 26,571, or 22 per cent. Bush had 73 per cent, or 62,395 votes.

In California, with 63 per cent of the precincts counted, Dukakis had 1,200,107 or 62 per cent. Jackson had 659,379 or 34 per cent. Bush had 83 per cent, or 1,140,853.

COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

Huge eyes minimise collisions

TOKYO (R) — Japan's second largest airline, All Nippon Airways (ANA), said Wednesday it has cut mid-air collisions with birds by 20 per cent over the past three years by painting huge eyeballs on its engines. An ANA spokesman said it was not known how the trick worked, but he said the eyes seemed to trigger an instinct in the birds which made them veer away from the approaching aircraft.

The spokesman said it was not known how the trick worked, but he said the eyes seemed to trigger an instinct in the birds which made them veer away from the approaching aircraft. The spokesman said the airline had received enquiries on the idea from a number of other companies including Air France, Cathay Pacific, Boeing and Lockheed. Based on an idea by an ANA engineer three years ago, a black-and-white staring eyeball is painted on the fan cone in front of the jet engines on all its Boeing aircraft.

The magic number for a convention majority was 2,081, and Dukakis easily surpassed that with his landslide finale.

Confronted by polls saying

Dukakis was the current choice of a majority of voters, Bush said:

"I'm fighting back. I'm the underdog now."

New Afghan cabinet named

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Afghanistan's new prime minister named his cabinet Tuesday and appealed to Muslim guerrillas to

negotiate a settlement to the country's civil war.

Kabul radio quoted Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq as saying his coalition cabinet, in which President Najibullah's People's Democratic Party (PDPA) retains key posts, would try to settle issues with its opponents through negotiation.

"It is time Afghans lived in peace and stopped fighting," he said in a speech to parliament in Kabul.

The Western-backed guerrillas refuse to talk to the Soviet-backed administration and have vowed to fight on to set up an Islamic government of their own.

Sharq, 62, was appointed prime minister May 26 to form a coalition cabinet as part of Najibullah's National Reconciliation Policy aimed at persuading the Mujahideen to lay down arms.

But the Mujahideen have refused cabinet posts and vowed to fight on until the last Soviet soldier leaves Afghanistan and Najibullah's government which they call communist is overthrown.

Salvadorean president appeals for national unity

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — President Jose Napoleon Duarte, who underwent surgery Tuesday in Washington for stomach cancer, sent a message home to the military high command appealing for unity and respect for the civilian government.

The message, published by the daily Prensa Grafica newspaper, urged the nation's military leaders to consider "the immense, historic responsibility that is yours to guarantee the dynamic of the process that we are moving forward."

The message also said that the armed forces has learned "to take historical conscience of its true role" and "that conduct should be promoted and maintained so that pluralistic democracy might be irreversible in our country, that in no circumstances should be interrupted by actions of force or compulsion."

Coup rumours have circulated here since March, when Duarte's Christian Democratic Party suffered a major setback to the rightist Republican National Alliance, or ARENA, in national assembly and municipal elections.

But the Mujahideen have refused cabinet posts and vowed to fight on until the last Soviet soldier leaves Afghanistan and Najibullah's government which they call communist is overthrown.

Duarte is in the last year of his five-year term.

Love can kill

CHELMSFORD, England (AP)

— A pet cat killed an 80-year-old woman when it jumped to greet her after being missing for a month, police said Wednesday. Ann Edmunds, a widow, was found in the garden of her home Tuesday when the cat returned home and leaped on her, severing a vein in her leg, said acting inspector John Woodgate. Neighbours rushed to help as Edmunds lost blood from the wound, but she lost consciousness and died. Neighbours were caring for the cat Wednesday.

British expedition searches for Yeti

LONDON (R) — A member of a

12-man British expedition searching for the legendary Yeti in the Himalayas said Tuesday the team found clues about the creature but no proof that it exists. The team, led by British mountaineer Chris Bonington, went to Tibet in March to search for the hairy half-man and half-ape popularly known as the abominable snowman. Expedition member Alan Hinkes said after arriving back in Britain that the team had found strange footprints in the snow and discovered two fresh headless animal carcasses which looked as if some sort of instrument was used on them. The expedition also found that sticks hidden at 5,800 metres were missing when it returned to find them. Hinkes said mountain people could not have taken the sticks because the expedition members were the first humans in the area this year. "A lot of people still believe in it. In Nepal all believe in it, which is quite startling — there must be something there," he said.

Dentist fits parrot with plastic beak

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — An

ailing Brazilian parrot has regained its appetite after a dentist fitted it with a plastic beak. The dentist fitted the rare hawk parrot with the plastic replacement after the bird's lower beak split, preventing it from eating its favourite meal, corn. Claudio Giacomin, head zoologist at the Sapucaia Do Sul Zoo in south Brazil, asked his dentist brother, Luiz Renato, to see the parrot and his brother devised the replacement. "The operation was a great success and the parrot is eating the hardest corn again," Giacomin said Wednesday.

Britons bungle kidnapping

LONDON (R) — Three men accused of the bungled kidnapping of a wealthy Arab businessman were ordered Tuesday to stand trial in a London criminal court. Ramzi Ata Dalloul, a Palestinian holding a Lebanese passport, was abducted March 29 by kidnappers who rammed his car and took him to a farmhouse in the southeast suburbs of London. Although he escaped the next day, his captors continued to demand a ransom of five million Swiss francs (\$3.66 million) in telephone calls to his wife. Court officials said three Britons would be tried for the kidnapping and named them as Derek Brambridge, 31, John Mead, 21, and Anthony Wood, 23. No date has been set for the trial. The three are accused of conspiring together, and with others unknown, to abduct Dalloul, managing director of a management consultancy firm. British press reports have estimated Dalloul's wealth at almost \$200 million.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Floods kill 22 in India

GAUHATI, India (R) — Floods in the northeast Indian state of Assam killed 22 people and caused damage to crops and property worth one billion rupees (\$76 million), state officials said Wednesday. They said the deaths occurred in floods over the last two weeks and tens of thousands of people had to be moved to safer ground as swollen rivers swamped 1,800 villages and cut rail and road links.

The officials warned that anyone who joins in the march will show he opposes "the leadership of the Communist Party and the government of the people and (will) destroy... the development of democracy." They called on the students to "maintain clear heads and distinguish right from wrong."

But the students' mood was one of defiance.

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